420-5-10-.12 Dietary Services.

(1) The facility must provide each resident with a nourishing, palatable, well-balanced diet that meets the daily nutritional and special dietary needs of each resident.

(a) Staffing. The facility must employ a qualified dietitian either full-time, part-time, or on a consultant basis.

1. If a qualified dietitian is not employed full-time, the facility must designate a person to serve as the director of food service who receives frequently scheduled consultation from a qualified dietitian.

2. "Qualified Dietitian" - Is one who is currently licensed in the State of Alabama in accordance with the provisions contained in current state statutes as governed by the Alabama Board of Examiners for Dietetic/Nutrition Practice.

(2) Sufficient staff. The facility must employ sufficient support personnel competent to carry out the functions of the dietary service.